

Hello Meadowbrook Community!

Well... it looks like we are in the final stretch of the school year. It has been quite the busy (and snowy) school year, and I think that we are all looking forward to the sunshine and summer that will be just around the corner.

This past month, our 5th graders had been working on their recorder projects where they were developing two songs in an individual practice style that they would perform for me. As we are finishing up the recorder projects, we are also beginning to learn the music for the end of the year Celebration! This will take the remainder of the school year to do, so this is nearing the end of their Meadowbrook music classes. It has also been fun hearing what instruments some kids have been assigned to play in middle school!

The 4th graders have also been finishing up their recorder projects. They also had to prepare two songs to perform for me, and I will say that I am very impressed with the progress that the 4th graders have made on the recorder these past couple months. Our next project is entitled "Mickey's Haunted House", where we are looking at the job of a Foley artist in the movie making business. Essentially, the students are creating their own sound effects to an old Mickey Mouse cartoon that they will perform live to the cartoon.

Both the 3rd and the 2nd graders have been working on the same project in April where we learned to sing the song "Singing In The Rain". Then the students were broken off into groups where they had to create their own choreography to the song. This project provided the students an opportunity to express their own creativity, and it was certainly interesting to see what they came up with to perform. Moving on from this project we are looking at the concept of Solfege, and through this we are performing on new hand bells that I recently have gotten for Meadowbrook.

The 1st graders have been working on performing a couple of different songs this past couple of months that included using some xylophone instruments. Right now the 1st graders are also learning about the concept of Solfege, and are also using the new hand bells that I have gotten for Meadowbrook.

I'm so proud of the kindergarteners for their hard work in putting their "Pajama Party" concert together. The concert was put together very smoothly, and I'm sure you could tell that they were so excited to showcase their talents. For the remainder of the school year, the kindergarteners will be exploring the famous musical piece "Carnival of the Animals", as well as beginning to learn about the concept of rhythm.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you might have about our music program here at Meadowbrook. I will make all my best efforts to respond to you in a timely manner.

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